**Questions about Health, Law, and Business Quick Reference**

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**Major Health Resources Used in Reference Work**

**Medical Dictionaries**

*Stedman’s Medical Dictionary*

* For professionals and students
* Synonyms in blue print
* Visual simplicity

*Dorland Illustrated Medical Dictionary*

* More than 125,000 terms
* Clean line drawing

**Medical Encyclopedias**

*Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy*

* Since 1899
* Common language
* User friendly

**Medical Directories**

*Directory of Board Certified of Medical Specialists*

* Locate physician
* Specialty or geographically

**Medical Databases and Indexes**

*Pubmed*

* Free
* Most extensive for health

**Medical On-line Resources**

Medline Plus

* Check drugs
* Check doctors
* Updated daily

**Health Statistics**

*National center for health*

* Primary source for statistics
* Collected from deaths and births

**Major Legal Resources Used in Reference Work**

**Legal Dictionaries**

*Black’s Law Dictionary*

* Since 1891
* Most cited
* More than 43,000 definitions

**Legal Encyclopedias**

*West’s Encyclopedia of American Law*

* 5,000 legal issues
* Terms, cases, and documents are presented.

**Legal Databases**

*Lexis*

* Most authoritative
* Case laws, codes, legal analyses, and public records
* Regulations

**Legal On-Line Resources**

*Findlaw.com*

* Popular free site
* Professional or student
* Legal links to lawyers and firms

**Major Business Resources Used in Reference Work**

**Business Dictionaries**

*A Dictionary of Business by Oxford press*

* Over 6,500 entries
* Systematic web of cross references
* Includes abbreviations

**Business Directories**

*Thomas Register of American manufactures*

* Finding numbers of sales offices
* Includes over 168,000 affiliations

**Investment Guides**

*Value Line Investment Survey*

* Weekly investment advice
* Covers reports and ratings of over 1,700 stocks

**Business Databases**

*Gales Business and Company Profile*

* Over 200,000 listings
* Full-text public relation text and journals
* newswire